

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the year 2003 marks the 100th Anniversary of a uniquely American invention, the Wright brothers' discovery of powered flight; and,

WHEREAS, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is celebrating the Centennial of Flight through its nationwide "Countdown to Kitty Hawk" program in partnership with the National Park Service; and,

WHEREAS, as a part of that year-long celebration, EAA and the National Park Service have joined forces to conduct a "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" initiative in which one EAA member from each of the 50 United States shall fly their respective State Flag to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, during 2003 to pay tribute to the Wright brothers; and,

WHEREAS, those 50 flags will become part of a permanent EAA/National Park Service display on the Wright Memorial grounds; and,


WHEREAS, Eliot Merk of Hilo, Hawai'i has been chosen by EAA to fly the Hawai'i State Flag to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Lingle, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby Proclaim August 20, 2003 to be

50 FLAGS TO KITTY HAWK DAY

in Hawai'i, and urge our citizens to join in this national celebration of the innovation and pioneering spirit of the Wright brothers and a century of powered flight.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of July, 2003.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i